

Religious Education Newsletter

Mrs Kelly - RE Leader

Mrs Cubitt – Worship Leader

Our school is taking part in a new pilot project known as Understanding Christianity. There are three elements which run through the project; making sense of the text, understanding the impact and making connections. The purpose of the project is to contribute to our pupils understanding of the world and their own experience within it. It will help to develop understanding of significant theological concepts within Christianity as part of their wider religious literacy. It enables pupils to develop knowledge and skills in making sense of biblical texts and understanding their impact in the lives of Christians. It also helps develop pupils' attitudes to connect, critically reflect upon, evaluate and apply their learning to their own growing understanding of religion and belief (particularly Christianity), of themselves, the world and human experience.



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The RE Leader attended a course at Aylesford Place in Winchester on Friday 16th September on a new pilot project that The Priory School are participating in. The project concentrates on the Christian aspect of teaching and learning. Mrs Cubitt, our Cover Head Teacher, attended the course the following week, Friday 23rd September in order to begin plotting the concepts from the pilot plans into our medium term planning.

The pilot project is very much enquiry-based which we have adopted in other lessons across the school. It allows pupils to explore and question their beliefs in a supporting environment.

Mrs Cubitt has introduced the Discovery scheme to Mrs Kelly and are using this to teach other religions; Judaism in KS1, Sikhism in LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) and Islam being taught in UKS2 (Years 5 and 6).

Mrs Cubitt has introduced Reflection books in every classroom so that pupils and teachers can write prayers, thoughts and reflections in these books.

There is also an RE Diary in each class so when we have RE lessons and pupils are not recording in their books, they can express what they have learned in the lesson and is included in the Diary.

Mrs Cubitt has introduced a new worship scheme known as 'Roots and Fruits' and this has been communicated to The Priory Church (Father Charles and Father Richard) who use these ideas in order to carry out Worship in our school on Tuesday mornings.

Mrs Kelly has included a 'Prayer Display' board in the hall. The Autumn first half term theme was 'Thankfulness' and as part of Golden Time Mrs Kelly offers a Christian Art focus and a Thankfulness Tree was made and added to the display. The worship theme for Autumn 2 has been 'Trust.' We will be looking at 'Trust' quotes from the Bible and designing an art piece to represent our theme.

Mrs Kelly intends to use the Christian Art time to create some pieces for displays around school. The first piece Mrs Kelly created was a painted cross as a window display in her classroom and the pupils created the 'Thankfulness Tree' displayed in the hall during Autumn 1.

Mrs Kelly will also allow pupils to illustrate Bible Quotes.

Prayer spaces are established in each classroom.

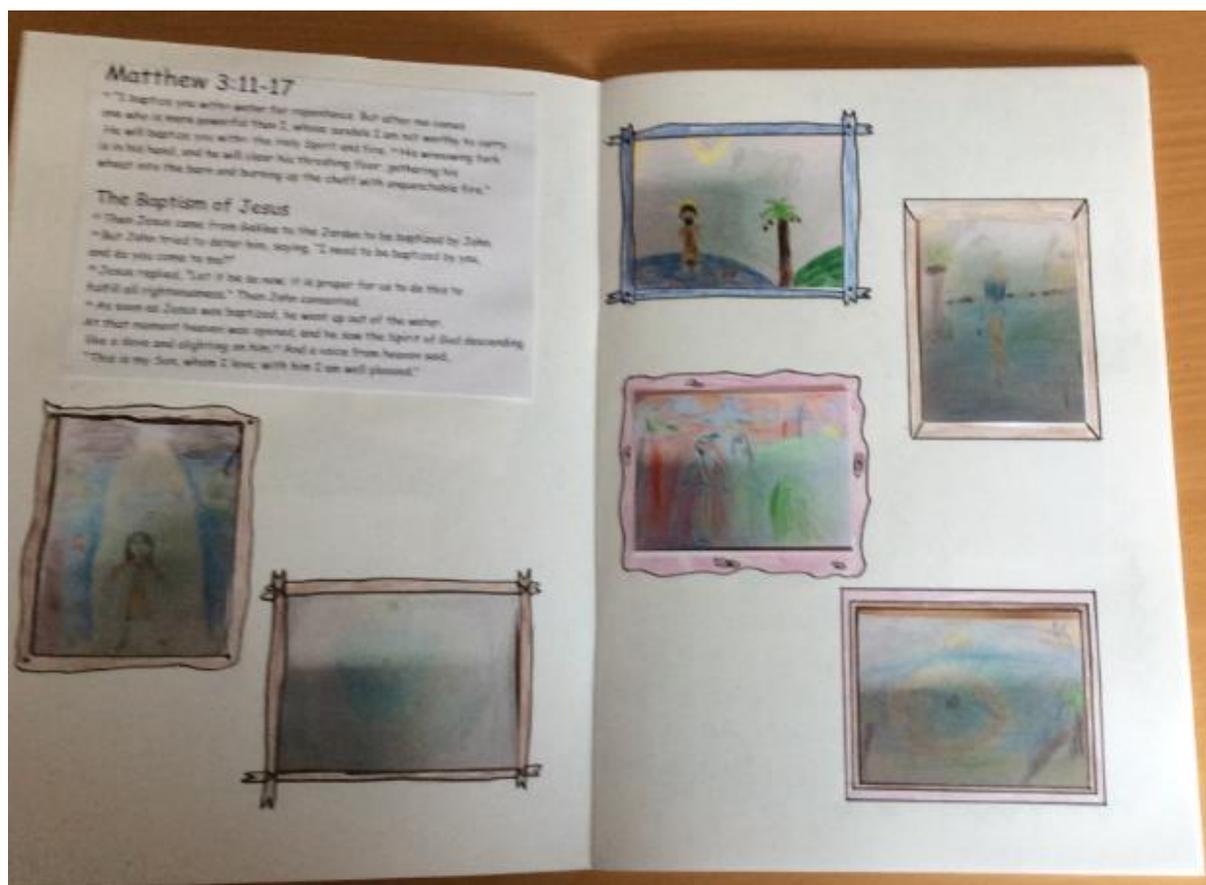
A birthday prayer has been introduced to our school so we share this during worship to celebrate pupils' birthdays.

A new school prayer has been written and has been shared with the pupils.

Our trinity candle and welcome words are used at the beginning of each worship.

We have updated our RE Policy and this was ratified by the Governors on Wednesday, 2nd November, 2016.

The medium term planning for RE and worship is on the school website in the RE section.



An example of what can be found in an RE Diary – Class 4, Autumn 1 2016-17